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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Art Unit: 2721

Geoffrey B. Rhoads

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Application No.: 09/198,022

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

For	No. after amendment	No. paid for previously	Present Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	17	- 20*	= 0	\$18.00	\$ 0.00
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$0.00

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Please charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with filing this amendment and any extension of time or the Notice of Appeal, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1071. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

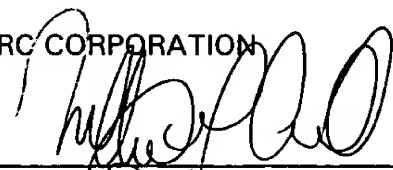
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Action mailed December 22, 1999, please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

In claim 10, delete the second ~~sentence~~ ^{period} at the end of the claim.

REMARKS

After entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claim 17 is allowed, claims 1-16 are rejected.

The pending rejections are believed improper. Absent further progress, a Notice of Appeal will follow shortly.

The Examiner's assertions regarding the meaning of "steganographic encoding" are unsubstantiated. No art or other basis therefor has been cited.

Steganography, as understood by artisans in the field, means to hide secret information in some other data without leaving any apparent evidence of data alteration.